IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI SOUTHERN DIVISION

RAMIRO CORTES-SANCHEZ,)
Petitioner,)
V.) Civil Action
) No. 10–3034-CV-S-RED-H
MARTY C. ANDERSON, Warden, United)
States Medical Center for Federal)
Prisoners,)
)
Respondent.)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Petitioner, an inmate confined in the United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, petitions this Court for a writ of habeas corpus in which he challenges his sentence. The petition has been referred to the undersigned for preliminary review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). Because this Court lacks jurisdiction of petitioner's claims, it will be recommended that the petition be dismissed without prejudice.

As grounds for relief in habeas corpus, petitioner contends that his conviction and federal sentence violated his constitutional rights.

The law is clear that a petitioner who seeks to attack the validity of a federal sentence must do so in the sentencing court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 unless it appears that the motion is inadequate or ineffective to test the validity of the detention. <u>E.g., Winston v. Mustain, 562 F.2d 565, 566 (8th Cir. 1977)</u>. A petitioner has the burden, moreover, of showing that the "inadequate or ineffective" test has been met. <u>Von Ludwitz v. Ralston, 716 F.2d 528, 529 (8th Cir. 1983) (per curiam)</u>.

Petitioner asserts that his conviction was illegal. Regardless of his contentions, the action

is improperly filed under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The issues he raises are cognizable,

if at all, in the sentencing court, which is the District Court for the Southern District of Florida. It

is clear that this Court lacks jurisdiction of petitioner's claims. Accordingly, it must be

recommended that the petition be dismissed without prejudice.

For the foregoing reasons, it is, pursuant to the governing law and in accordance with Local

Rule 72.1 of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri,

RECOMMENDED that petitioner be denied leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and that

the petition herein for writ of habeas corpus be dismissed without prejudice.

/s/ James C. England JAMES C. ENGLAND

United States Magistrate

Date: <u>2/5/10</u>